

NORTHERN NEWS.

New York Dates to Dec. 17.

Another Victory over Hood.

By the arrival of the S. R. Spaulding yesterday, we have Northern papers to Dec. 17. The Cassandra arrived last evening, bringing a mail but no later papers.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, Dec. 16—9.15 a. m. Maj.-Gen. Dix—The following official report of the battle before Nashville, has been received from Maj.-Gen. Thomas: "Nashville, Dec. 15. Attacked the enemy's left this morning, and drove it from the river below the city very nearly to the Franklin pike, a distance of about eight miles. Have captured Chalmer's headquarters and train, and a second train of about twenty wagons, with between eight hundred and one thousand prisoners, and sixteen pieces of artillery. Our troops behaved splendidly, all taking their share in assaulting and charging the enemy's breastworks. I shall attack the enemy again to-morrow, if he stands to fight, and if he retreats during the night, I will pursue him, throwing a heavy cavalry force in his rear to destroy his trains if possible."

An unofficial despatch gives the following details: "Nashville, Dec. 15. Our line advanced and engaged the rebel line at 9 this a. m. The line was formed thus: Steedman on the left; T. J. Woods, with the 4th corps, next; A. J. Smith next, with Cox in reserve, next, and the cavalry under Wilson, fighting dismounted, occupying the extreme right, aided by gunboats on the river. The artillery practice has been fine, and at times the musketry firing continuous and heavy, and though the casualties have been light, the results are very fair. The left occupied the same ground as in the morning, but the right has advanced five miles, driving the enemy from the river from his entrenchments, from the range of hills on which his left rested, and forced it back upon his right and center. His center was pushed back from one to three miles, with a loss in all of seventeen guns, and about fifteen hundred prisoners, and his whole line of earthworks, except about a mile on his extreme right, where no serious attempt was made to dislodge him. The whole of Hood's army is here, except the cavalry and one division, which has been detached to threaten or attack Murfreesboro. The whole action of to-day was splendidly successful. The divisions commanded by Gen. Kimball, of the 4th corps, by Gen. Garrard of the command under Gen. A. J. Smith, and the cavalry division under Gen. Knife, were under my observation, and I have never seen better work. Gen. Kimball's division carried two fortified positions by assault, with very slight loss, capturing at one point four hundred prisoners and six guns. No doubt the other part of the line did as well. I only speak of what I saw." E. M. STANTON, Sec. of War.

CLARKESVILLE, TENN., Dec. 16—10 A. M. To Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy. Gen. Thomas' attack yesterday upon Hood's left, supported by the Tenth Division of this squadron, resulted in the capture of Chalmer's headquarters' train, with papers, 1,000 prisoners, and sixteen pieces of artillery. The probable loss to the army will not exceed 500 killed and wounded. S. P. LEE, Rear-Admiral, Commanding Mississippi Squadron.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 16. Hood has fallen back, and is apparently doing his best to get away, while Thomas is pressing him with great vigor, frequently capturing guns and men. Everything, so far, is perfectly successful, and the prospect is fair to crush Hood's army.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., Dec. 16, 8.30 p. m. To Maj. Gen. Dix—The Richmond papers of to-day confirm the reported capture of Bristol, by an expedition supposed to be under command of Stoneman and Burbridge; also the surprise and capture of Glade Spring Depot, on the railroad, thirteen miles south of Abingdon, Va.

CITY POINT, Va., Friday, Dec. 16. The Richmond Dispatch of to-day, after fully confirming the previous reports of the capture of Bristol, states:

"The enemy then advanced up the railroad toward Abingdon, which we presume fell into their hands, though we have no information of the fact. The next we hear of them, they had at 9 o'clock yesterday morning pounced down on Glades Spring, a depot on the railroad, thirteen miles this side of Abingdon, taking every one there by surprise, and capturing all of the railroad employees except one, who managed to escape to tell the tale. At last accounts the enemy were pushing up the railroad in the direction of Marion, which is 27 miles this side of Abingdon. This is a raid in Breckinridge's rear. The raiders, leaving their forces somewhere in the neighborhood of Knoxville, came up the north side of Holston River and crossed over to Bristol. It is probable the raiders separated, one party proceeding to Bristol, and the other to Abingdon. If unchecked, it is likely they will come up the railroad even as far as Salem, and thence escape to the Kanawha, by the route followed by Hunter last summer. It is unknown who is in command of this expedition, but it looks very much like some of Stoneman's gallant work. None of the despatches received say anything about Saltville. If it is unprotected, it has doubtless been visited by the enemy. If, however, there were any troops there the Yankees were apt to fight shy of it, and confine their operations to the railroad. At Glades Spring the enemy captured an engine with fourteen flats, with some railroad hands. On these a party of men were mounted, and sent up the road toward Marion, and a despatch from the operator at that place on yesterday, tells us that they were, at 2 o'clock, within a mile of that place. Their object is easily divined. It is to burn the bridge over the Holston River, and break the road to prevent troops from being sent down the line by steam to reinforce Saltville. To Saltville the main body will undoubtedly go, and in all human probability has

already gone. There are some fortifications at Saltville, and some reserves, whose numbers we do not know. If these can check them by any sacrifice, reinforcements will soon put the place out of danger. At present it is certainly in great danger." E. M. STANTON, Sec'y of War.

[From the New York Times, Dec. 17.]

By the Morning Star, which arrived yesterday afternoon, we have news from New Orleans to Dec. 10. Gen. Davidson's great raid from New Orleans was meeting with entire success. Mobile papers of the 4th inst. express the opinion that he was marching on that city. He has a force of 5,000 cavalry. The expedition reached Tangipahoa on the 30th ult. Lieut. Earl's men have captured Gen. Kirby Smith's Adjutant General. Gen. Canby's wound is gradually healing, and he is now able to attend to all the important business of his office.

Extracts from Rebel Papers.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, Dec. 10, 1864.—Hon. Jas. A. Seddon, Secretary of War: About noon yesterday, the First Division of the Second corps of the enemy, supporting the cavalry, forced back our cavalry pickets on the Vaughn road, south of the Appomattox, and advanced towards Dinwiddie Court House. To-day our cavalry, reinforced by infantry, drove them back across Hatcher's run, capturing a few prisoners, and re-establishing our lines. R. E. LEE.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, Dec. 10, 1864.—Hon. Jas. A. Seddon, Secretary of War: Gen. Hampton, after driving the enemy's cavalry upon his infantry on the afternoon of the 8th, recrossed the Nottoway, and reached Bellfield at daylight yesterday. In the afternoon the enemy attacked the position, but were successfully resisted. This morning the enemy is reported retiring and Hampton following. The bridge over the Meherrin was saved. Our loss as far as known is small. The garrison under Garnett and the reserves behaved well. R. E. LEE, General.

[From the Richmond Dispatch, Dec. 12.]

Yesterday morning the Yankee officers in the prison at Danville made an attempt to overpower the guard. They were fired on, and Col. Rossler, of New York was instantly killed and others wounded. This frightened the rest, and the attempt was given up. The struggle lasted but a few minutes, and all was soon quiet.

[From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 12.]

The end draws nigh. The advance of Sherman's army was reported to be within twenty miles of Savannah yesterday afternoon. The fight for the possession of the city may be progressing to-day. Gen. Beauregard commands the Confederate forces.

THE CIVILIAN GUARD.

The members of Co. A Civilians, met at the house of Dunbars & Frauz on Monday evening, to fill vacancies occasioned by the resignation of 1st Lieut. John Mott and 2d Lieut. J. H. Redfield. The following were elected: 1st Sergt., Richard Marvin, 1st Lieutenant; 2d Sergt. Chas. W. Lewis, 2d Lieutenant; 3d Sergt. Chas. E. Wakefield, was appointed Orderly Sergt.; 4th Sergt. W. L. Peabody, 2d do.; 5th Sergt. W. J. Ennis, 3d do.; 1st Corp'l, W. H. Lucas, 4th Sergt.; 3d Corp'l G. Hamilton, 5th Sergt.; 2d Corp'l H. A. Jophana, 1st do.; 4th Corp'l G. H. Dennis, 2d do.; 5th Corp'l M. J. Brenpin, 3d do.; 6th Corp'l B. Honey, 4th do.; 7th Corp'l J. Barnes, 5th do.; 8th Corp'l D. R. Cary, 6th do.; Private H. S. Styles, 7th do.; Priv. J. T. Reading, 8th do. After the election the members were entertained in a hospital manner by Col. Dunbar.

In Co. B, 1st Lieut. J. H. Tonkin has been appointed Adjutant of the battalion. Lieut. C. A. Davis is acting as 1st Lieut., and the acting 2d Lieut. is Amos A. Crowley.

MASONIC.

Mr. Galen H. Osborne, special correspondent of the New York Herald, who died here on the 29th ult., was buried with Masonic honors at Oswego, N. Y., on the day following the arrival of his body there. He was a member of Clinton Lodge, No. 169, Clinton, N. Y.

The Masonic Commission for the supply of flour and fuel to the poor of New York city at cost price, went into operation last week, and in the course of a few hours over 25 barrels of flour and 20 tons of coal were sold in quantities varying from a barrel to one-eighth of a barrel of flour, and from one ton to one-quarter of a ton of coal. The flour was sold by the barrel and delivered at \$10.70; half barrel, \$5.35; eighth, \$1.35; six pounds, 33 cents. Coal, delivered, \$8.85 per ton for large nut, and \$10.75 for stove; per bushel, 40 and 48 cents.

INCENDIARY FIRE—GOVERNMENT SAW MILL BURNED.—Early on Monday morning last, the government saw mill of which Mr. William B. Morton was Superintendent, about two and a half miles from here, was burned to the ground. The fire broke out in the engine room, and was evidently wilfully set, as the fire in the engine room had been carefully extinguished some twelve hours before for repairs to the engine. An alarm was promptly given by the guard, but the flames spread too fast for the building to be saved. The loss to the government is at least \$10,000. The mill will not probably be rebuilt.

FOSTER DRAMATIC ASSOCIATION.—Owing to the fact that most of the members of this Association have been of late actively engaged in militia duty, they have been obliged to postpone performances for a time, but they hope soon to be able to resume operations.

HEARD FROM.—Mr. Wm. H. Hill of this city, has received a letter from his son, Capt. Varnum H. Hill, A. Q. M., who is now a prisoner in Richland jail, Columbia, S. C. He was removed thence from Macon, Ga. He mentions having met Col. Bedell, who was captured in the memorable charge on Fort Wagner, July 18th, 1863. He was then Major in the 3d regiment. Captain Hill says he has met many old associates there who had been with him in the Department of the South, who have all been confined there over fifteen months. Capt. Hill is in excellent health, and is as comfortably situated as could be expected.—Manchester (N. H.) Mirror.

MARRIED.

At North Somerville, Mass., on the 6th inst., by Rev. E. Porter Dyer, Mr. B. K. Lee, Postmaster of Port Royal, S. C., to Miss Helen S. Dyer, daughter of the officiating clergyman.

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HEADQUARTERS, DEPT. OF THE SOUTH.

HILTON HEAD, S. C., Dec. 20, 1864.

BEFORE A GENERAL COURT MARTIAL, which convened at Morris Island, S. C., by virtue of Special Orders No. 215, current series, from Headquarters, Northern District, Department of the South, dated at Morris Island, S. C., October 29, 1864, and of which Lieut.-Col. Rockwell Taler, 56th N. Y. Vols., is President, was arraigned and tried:

2d Lieut. Frederick F. Rogers, 54th Regt. Mass. Vols.

Charge 1st—"Neglect of duty."

Specification—In this: that said 2d Lieutenant Frederick Rogers, Co. A, 54th Regt. Mass. Vol. Infantry, an Officer of the Guard, having been placed in charge of the relief posted to guard the Prisoners of War upon Morris Island did lie down and go to sleep. This at Camp of Prisoners of War, Morris Island, S. C., between the hours of 4 and 6, A. M., Sept. 16, 1864.

Charge 2d—"Conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline."

Specification—In this: that said 2d Lieut. Fred. E. Rogers, Co. A, 54th Mass. Vol. Infantry, an Officer of the Guard, having been placed in charge of the relief posted to guard the Prisoners of War upon Morris Island, did lie down and go to sleep. This at Camp of Prisoners of War, Morris Island, S. C., between the hours of 4 and 6, A. M., Sept. 16, 1864.

To which charges and specifications the accused pleaded as follows:

CHARGE I.

To the Specification, "Not Guilty."

To the Charge, "Not Guilty."

CHARGE II.

To the Specification, "Not Guilty."

To the Charge, "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, after mature deliberation upon the evidence adduced, and the accused, 2d Lieutenant Frederick E. Rogers, Co. A, 54th Mass. Vols., as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the Specification, "Guilty."

Of the Charge, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the Specification, "Guilty."

Of the Charge, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And do therefore sentence him, the said Fred. E. Rogers, 2d Lieutenant Co. A, 54th Mass. Vols., to be dismissed the Military Service of the United States."

II. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the foregoing case having been approved by the authority ordering the Court, and submitted to the Major-General Commanding the Department, the same are approved; but upon the recommendation to mercy by the members of the Court, the sentence is commuted to forfeiture for three months of all pay and allowances, except the allowance for one ration. The Commanding General trusts that no similar offence by an officer will hereafter occur to make him regret the leniency shown to Lieut. Rogers.

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